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BASEBALL CHEAP SPORTS.

It is generally known that the Wailuku baseball ground is really a public park, and that perhaps if it were tested through the courts, the baseball management might be enjoined from making a charge for admission to see the games. Of course that would be the end of baseball for Wailuku for a long time to come. But because Wailuku people like good clean baseball there has never been a disposition on the part of anyone to test this matter. But last Sunday there were two or three young wise guys, who defied the management by refusing to pay to see the games, simply because they had heard that they couldn't be made to pay. If the athletic association is wise it will have the next person that tries this promptly expelled from the grounds, with a cordial invitation to go to the courts for legal redress if he wishes. But the man who tries anything of this kind will not have a pleasant time of it. Wailuku wants baseball and is willing to pay the very modest charge necessary to get it, and will not have much patience with anyone who tries to stop it by any such cheap tactics.

HILLO AND HER TOURIST PROFITS.

Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 is what Hilo is figuring on getting from the two-day visit of the Great Northern excursionists next month. This is six percent on between \$85,000 and \$150,000; which amount, by the way, would build quite a bit of road on Haleakala. Without the convict-built road into Kilauea, Hawaii could not possibly entertain such an excursion party. Without an automobile road to the top of Haleakala, Maui never will be able to get such a crowd to come. Maui is known on the mainland almost entirely through the fame of our "House of the Sun," and it is ridiculous to imagine that steamship companies and excursion bureaus will send their patrons here when they know that this chief wonder is inaccessible. Hilo is now talking of extending the Volcano road up to the top of Mauna Loa. Its a big undertaking but it is likely to be accomplished before the Haleakala road is built unless Maui wakes up to her own interests.

DOES A GOOD RECORD COUNT?

Some mighty good men are getting lined up for the race for the county offices to be filled this coming spring. It is very much to be questioned, however, whether the county will profit much by making many changes. The present board of supervisors has not made a very bad record, as a whole, and during the past four or five months has really done good work and in a businesslike manner that deserves recognition. In the other offices to be filled it is hard to see where much improvement could be expected from most of the candidates who have offered themselves. If good records count for anything at all with the voters of Maui, then most of the men at present in office will have a big advantage over the men who aspire to their jobs.

"I am just as anxious as anyone to find out who, if anyone, is belittling the attractions of other places in this Territory," said Taylor, "and I have written to the other islands asking them to cooperate with me in finding out if the recent reports are true."—P. C. Advertiser.

Being an ex-detective, Mr. Taylor, who is sitting on the promotion lid in the absence of Director Wood, should of course experience no difficulty in a simple proposition like this. The interesting question is what he proposes doing with the knocker when he has finally tracked him to his lair.

Some American congressmen and writers point to the war in Europe as a reason why the United States should build up a great standing army. The great mass of the American people doubtless see in this most awful conflict the utter futility of this kind of peace insurance.

The army officers stationed in Honolulu have threatened to boycott the town in case their automobiles are taxed, which is of course a becoming attitude for a class of non-producers, the very necessity for which is a reflection upon modern civilization.

The Friend wants to have a sal-soda tank established in Honolulu where people could give their filthy lucre a bath. It would take a good deal more than sal-soda to clean some folks' money.

It is to be hoped that the tens of thousands of persons who will see the Honolulu moving picture at the Exposition will not get the impression that Honolulu looks like that all the time.

Talk about practical politics—it's hard to beat Hana's plan of importing a legislator ready made.

WAR TALK BREEDS WAR.

No people will ever be assured of peace if it thinks war and talks war and is continually told that war is inevitable, says the Milwaukee Journal.

If any one thing lies at the bottom of the general war in Europe, it is the conviction expressed again and again, until it came to be thought a truism, that a general war was at some time inevitable. Very properly, therefore, The New York Journal of Commerce censures Congressman Mann for taking occasion, in opposing a measure promising ultimate independence to the Philippines, to insist that war between the United States and Japan is inevitable. With the merits of the Philippine measure we are not now concerned, though we doubt if the present time is opportune for such a declaration. The point is that Congressman Mann used his position as the leader of the Republican minority in the house to lend weight to the assertion that Japanese interests and our interests are bound to bring conflict.

Mann is wrong. The interests of neither Japan nor the United States would be benefited by war. Nor is there any ground for asserting that Japan has cast covetous eyes on the Philippines.

But the main point is that in such assertions lies the foundations of distrust and hatred. No structure of peace, nor even of commercial advantage can be raised on hatred. It is to be regretted that Mr. Mann prefers to cast whatever weight words carry on the wrong side, that he is seldom found among those who build up, that in this he failed to recognize that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

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